

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for the examiner's amendment was given in telephone interviews with Mr. John W. LaBatt, Registration No. 48,301 on August 11-12, 2008.
3. Amend the claim 18 as follow:
 18. (Currently amended) A program product stored on a ~~tangible recordable medium~~ storage unit for processing a transaction, which when executed comprises:
 - program code for requesting preparation of a plurality of resources for the transaction, the preparation including performing a set of operations on each of the plurality of resources based on the transaction;
 - program code for simultaneously waiting for a preparation response for each of the plurality of resources;
 - program code for requesting at least one of: commitment or roll back of the plurality of resources based on at least one preparation response; and
 - program code for replying to a requester based on the at least one preparation response, the reply including a transaction result that indicates one of: a success or failure of processing the

transaction, wherein the program code for replying is configured to reply prior to requesting the at least one of: commitment or roll back.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Qing-Yuan Wu whose telephone number is (571)272-3776. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am-6:00pm Monday-Thursday and alternate Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Meng Ai An can be reached on (571) 272-3756. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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